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PART III. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND LAW

Section 8. International Court of Justice

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SECTION 8. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

OVERVIEW

TABLE 8.1. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

DIRECT COSTS

(1) Regular budget

1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates				Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993		1992-1993 estimates
	Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base		Resource growth					
	$	%	$	%	$	$	%	
14 749.0	871.4	5.9	796.8	5.4	16 417.2	408.4	2.4	16 825.6

Analysis of real growth (at revised 1991 rates)

(1) Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				Rate of real growth (5) over (1)
	(2) Actual	(3) Less non-recurrent items	(4) Plus delayed growth (new posts)	(5) Adjusted	
15 620.4	796.8	243.3	68.6	622.1	3.9%

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-
Total, direct costs	16 825.6

TABLE 8.2. ANALYSIS OF REVALUED 1990-1991 RESOURCE BASE (AT REVISED 1991 RATE)

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1990-1991 appropriation (1)	Non-recurrent 1990-1991 items (2)	Additional requirements: Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth: Established posts (3)	Additional requirements: Delayed impact of 1990-1991 growth: Other objects of expenditure (4)	Additional requirements: Recosting at revised 1991 rates: Established posts (5)	Additional requirements: Recosting at revised 1991 rates: Other objects of expenditure (6)	Additional requirements: Special adjustments (7)	Additional requirements: Total (8)	Net additional requirements (9) (8)-(2)	Total revalued 1990-1991 resource base (10) (1)+(9)
A. Members of the Court	5 903.3	130.0	-	-	-	711.0	-	711.0	581.0	6 484.3
B. The Registry	6 656.0	-	164.0	-	51.2	17.4	-	232.6	232.6	6 888.6
C. Common services	2 189.7	63.2	-	-	-	121.0 a/	-	121.0	57.8	2 247.5
Total	14 749.0	193.2	164.0	-	51.2	849.4	-	1 064.6	871.4	15 620.4

a/ See para. 8.21.

TABLE 8.3. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993 REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates		Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
		Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Resource growth				
A. Members of the Court	5 903.3	581.0	203.2	6 687.5	23.4	6 710.9	3.1
B. The Registry	6 656.0	232.6	190.0	7 078.6	288.8	7 367.4	3.7
C. Common services	2 189.7	57.8	403.6	2 651.1	96.2	2 747.3	7.1
Total	14 749.0	871.4	796.8	16 417.2	408.4	16 825.6	3.9

TABLE 8.4. REGULAR BUDGET, DIRECT COSTS: SUMMARY OF 1992-1993 REQUIREMENTS AND RATES OF REAL GROWTH, BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates	Rate of real growth %
Established posts	3 914.7	161.2	57.4	4 133.3	174.2	4 307.5	2.6
Temporary assistance for meetings	1 156.6	13.7	100.0	1 270.3	46.0	1 316.3	8.5
General temporary assistance	169.8	2.0	-	171.8	6.3	178.1	-
Overtime	52.6	0.6	13.4	66.6	2.4	69.0	25.1
Common staff costs	1 696.6	58.7	202.8	1 958.1	79.1	2 037.2	11.6
Representation allowances	7.2	-	-	7.2	-	7.2	-
Pensions for former judges	1 590.1	57.0	-	1 647.1	-	1 647.1	-
Travel of staff	85.5	1.4	19.6	106.5	3.9	110.4	22.5
External printing and binding	455.7	5.5	-	461.2	16.7	477.9	-
Data-processing services	-	-	20.0	20.0	0.7	20.7	-
Salaries and allowances of judges	3 880.0	518.8	-	4 398.8	-	4 398.8	-
Rental and maintenance of premises	1 046.6	108.0	-	1 154.6	41.8	1 196.4	-
Rental and maintenance of equipment	105.1	1.3	19.0	125.4	4.6	130.0	17.8
Communications	197.2	2.3	29.1	228.6	8.3	236.9	14.5
Hospitality	6.2	0.2	-	6.4	0.3	6.7	-
Miscellaneous services	8.9	0.1	12.4	21.4	0.7	22.1	137.7
Supplies and materials	266.0	3.2	(31.1)	238.1	8.8	246.9	(11.5)
Furniture and equipment	110.2	(62.6)	77.0	124.6	3.6	128.2	-
Acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment	-	-	277.2	277.2	11.0	288.2	-
Total	14 749.0	871.4	796.8	16 417.2	408.4	16 825.6	3.9

TABLE 8.5. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: International Court of Justice

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993	1990-1991	1992-1993
Professional category and above								
ASG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-4	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
P-3	6	7	-	-	-	-	6	7
P-2/1	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total	22	23	-	-	-	-	22	23
General Service category								
Principal level	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Other levels	26	26	-	-	-	-	26	26
Total	32	32	-	-	-	-	32	32
Grand total	54	55	-	-	-	-	54	55

8.1 The International Court of Justice is the principal juridical organ of the United Nations. It functions in accordance with its Statute, which forms an integral part of the Charter of the United Nations.

8.2 The Court is composed of 15 judges elected by the General Assembly and the Security Council for a period of nine years.

8.3 The Court's function is to adjudicate in contentious cases referred to it by States and to give advisory opinions at the request of bodies so authorized by, or in accordance with, the Charter. At present, in addition to the United Nations (General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council, Interim Committee of the General Assembly and Committee on Applications for Review of Administrative Tribunal Judgements), the following organizations are authorized to request advisory opinions of the Court on legal questions: the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, the International Development Association, the International Monetary Fund, the International Telecommunciation Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Court submits annual reports to the General Assembly; the latest report is contained in document A/45/4. 1/

8.4 The Registry, which is appointed by the Court in accordance with Article 21, paragraph 2, of its Statute, provides legal, diplomatic, administrative and other technical support for the Court. It is also responsible for the financial and accounting administration, archives and distribution services, and documents and library services.

8.5 Neither the activities of the Court nor those of the Registry have ever been covered in the medium-term plan. The Court submits annual reports to the General Assembly, which are considered by the Sixth Committee. At the time that the Court had submitted its budget proposal for the bienniums 1988-1989 and 1990-1991, it had four and five cases, respectively, on its docket. At present, the Court is seized of eight cases, and it projects that at least two new cases will be brought before it during the biennium 1992-1993. This very significant increase in the Court's caseload has taxed the resources available to it and its Registry and, for that reason, as well as others, an increase in the number of its sessions from two to three each year is expected.

8.6 Regulation 15.1 of article XV of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations provides that "the programme budget proposals of the International Court of Justice shall be prepared by the Court, in consultation with the Secretary-General. These programme budget proposals shall be submitted to the General Assembly by the Secretary-General, together with such observations as he may deem desirable."

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 4 (A/45/4).

8.7 Following consultations between the Court and the Secretary-General, the estimates included under section 8 ($16,825,600) reflect a rate of real growth of 3.9 per cent.

8.8 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources to be provided to the Court in 1992-1993 would be as follows:

	Regular budget	Extrabudgetary
	(percentage)	
A. Members of the Court	39.9	-
B. The Registry	43.8	-
C. Common services	16.3	-
Total	100.0	-

A. Members of the Court

TABLE 8.6. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
Salaries and allowances of judges	3 880.0	518.8	-	4 398.8	-	4 398.8
Common costs	399.8	4.7	183.6	588.1	21.4	609.5
Pensions for former judges	1 590.1	57.0	-	1 647.1	-	1 647.1
Official travel	33.4	0.5	19.6	53.5	2.0	55.5
Total	5 903.3	581.0	203.2	6 687.5	23.4	6 710.9

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-
Total	6 710.9

8.9 Subsection A covers estimates relating to the statutory entitlements of the members of the Court. In the past, resources included in the programme budget have been supplemented, as the need arises, by commitments entered into under the provisions of General Assembly resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses. The proposals for the biennium 1992-1993 in that respect will be presented at the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

Salaries and allowances of judges

8.10 The total requirements under this heading ($4,398,800) include the following:

(a) Annual salary of $145,000 per judge, with effect from 1 January 1991, as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/250 A of 21 December 1990;

(b) An additional special allowance of $15,000 per annum for the President of the Court;

(c) An additional special allowance for the Vice-President of $94 for every day he acts as President, up to a maximum of $9,400 per year.

Pensions for former judges

8.11 As decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/250 B of 21 December 1990, the pension entitlement of a member of the International Court of Justice who has served a full term of nine years should be $50,000 a year and the pension entitlement of a member of the Court who is re-elected should be increased by an additional $250 per month for each further month of service up to a maximum pension of $75,000 per year. In the same resolution, the Assembly also decided that, with effect from 1 January 1991 and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the annual value of all pensions in course of payment as at 31 December 1990, including the pensions of any members of the Court who retire on or before that date, should be increased by 22 per cent. The Assembly decided further that the pension of the members of the Court should be subject to review whenever the annual salary of the members of the Court is reviewed. The next review will take place at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly. The requirements under this heading, currently estimated at $1,647,100, would provide for retired judges and widows of judges, in accordance with Assembly resolution 45/250 B. An adjustment to the base of $57,000 reflects the net effect of changes in the numbers of retired judges and widows of judges.

Common costs

8.12 The estimated requirements under this heading ($588,100), which include a resource growth of $183,600, relate to the travel expenses for three journeys per annum for non-resident judges to attend sessions of the Court, and for one journey home every second year after the year of appointment for judges residing at the seat of the Court, in accordance with the travel and subsistence regulations of the International Court of Justice as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/240 of 21 December 1982. It also provides, with effect from 1 January 1991, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/250 C of 21 December 1990, for an education grant up to a ceiling of $6,750 for each child,

as well as increases, in accordance with section X of Assembly resolution 45/241 of 21 December 1990, for the cost of educating the children of judges who have taken up primary residence at The Hague. Furthermore, provision is made for the related travel in respect of each child from the place of scholastic attendance, when outside the Netherlands, to The Hague.

Official travel

8.13 The estimated requirements under this heading ($53,500), which reflect a growth of $19,600 arising from past as well as current expenditure patterns, would cover the travel and subsistence of the President of the Court to attend the sessions of the General Assembly, as well as travel and subsistence on other official business by members of the Court.

B. The Registry

TABLE 8.7. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
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Temporary assistance for meetings	1 156.6	13.7	100.0	1 270.3	46.0	1 316.3
General temporary assistance	169.8	2.0	-	171.8	6.3	178.1
Overtime	52.6	0.6	13.4	66.6	2.4	69.0
Common staff costs	1 296.8	54.0	19.2	1 370.0	57.7	1 427.7
Representation allowances	7.2	-	-	7.2	-	7.2
Official travel of staff	52.1	0.9	-	53.0	1.9	54.9
Hospitality	6.2	0.2	-	6.4	0.3	6.7
Total	6 656.0	232.6	190.0	7 078.6	288.8	7 367.4

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-
Total	7 367.4

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

New posts

8.14 During 1990, in order to obtain an objective and expert analysis of the Court's requirements in conformity with the United Nations policy regarding office automation requirements, the Registry requested the services of the Electronics Services Division of the Secretariat. On the basis of that review, the establishment of a new post at the P-3 level is proposed for a systems coordinator. The functions of the systems coordinator would include responsibility for the installation, maintenance, enhancement of the operating systems, and the implementation and management of data transmission protocols. The incumbent would also instruct and train staff on software applications and available hardware and software.

Temporary assistance for meetings

8.15 The resources requested under this heading ($1,270,300), which include a resource growth of $100,000, would provide for the recruitment and travel of free-lance interpreters, translators and stenotypists required for pre- and in-session conference servicing of private meetings and public hearings of the Court. On the basis of experience during the biennium 1990-1991 relating to the preparatory work arising from the unprecedented case-load of the Court and contemporary developments in international relations, the growth of $100,000 proposed would provide for an increased number of meetings and language and secretarial services foreseen for the biennium 1992-1993 that cannot be performed by the regular staff.

General temporary assistance

8.16 A provision of $171,800 at the maintenance base level is requested to meet the cost of General Service support services, such as those of secretaries, messengers, library assistants and telephone operators.

Overtime

8.17 The estimated requirements under this heading ($66,600) include a resource growth on the basis of past expenditure levels. The resources are requested to cover secretarial assistance to judges and the regular staff during peak workload periods.

Official travel of staff

8.18 A provision of $53,000, which is at the maintenance base level, is requested for official travel of staff.

C. Common services

TABLE 8.8. ANALYSIS OF OVERALL COSTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Main objects of expenditure	1990-1991 appropriation	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Revaluation of 1990-1991 resource base	Estimated additional requirements at revised 1991 rates: Resource growth	Total requirements at revised 1991 rates	Inflation in 1992 and 1993	1992-1993 estimates
External printing and binding	455.7	5.5	-	461.2	16.7	477.9
Data-processing services	-	-	20.0	20.0	0.7	20.7
Rental and maintenance of premises	1 046.6	108.0	-	1 154.6	41.8	1 196.4
Rental and maintenance of equipment	105.1	1.3	19.0	125.4	4.6	130.0
Communications	197.2	2.3	29.1	228.6	8.3	236.9
Miscellaneous services	8.9	0.1	12.4	21.4	0.7	22.1
Supplies and materials	266.0	3.2	(31.1)	238.1	8.8	246.9
Furniture and equipment	110.2	(62.6)	77.0	124.6	3.6	128.2
Acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment	-	-	277.2	277.2	11.0	288.2
Total	2 189.7	57.8	403.6	2 651.1	96.2	2 747.3

(2) Extrabudgetary resources	-
Total	2 747.3

Resource requirements (at revised 1991 rates)

External printing and binding

8.19 The estimated requirements under this heading ($461,200), which do not reflect any resource growth, would provide for the Court's printing programme, which is handled independently by the Court and is not reviewed by the Publications Board. The resources would cover the cost of publications, as provided for by the Statute and rules of the Court, and would include three annual series: Reports of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders, a Bibliography of works and documents relating to the Court, and the Yearbook of the Court. The provision would also cover the documentation of each case, which is published by the Court after the end of the proceedings under the title Pleadings, Oral Arguments, Documents, Comprising Texts, Maps and Charts.

Data-processing services

8.20 Requirements under this heading ($20,000) are proposed to provide for access to external databases.

Rental and maintenance of premises

8.21 An adjustment in the amount of $95,400 attributable to inflation has been made in the revalued base to reflect an increase in the contribution payable by the United Nations for its share of the general operating expenses of the facilities provided in the Peace Palace at The Hague for the Court. The increase requested by the Carnegie Foundation exceeded the inflation rates of 2.4 per cent in 1990 and in 1991 reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. 2/ The resources thus estimated at 1991 rates amount to $1,154,600.

Rental and maintenance of equipment

8.22 The resources proposed under this heading ($125,400) include a net increase of $19,000. The net increase relates to the cost for the rental of photocopying equipment heretofore provided for under supplies and materials ($31,100), which is offset in part by a redeployment of resources to miscellaneous services ($12,100).

Communications

8.23 The requirements under this heading ($228,600), which reflect a resource growth of $29,100, would provide for the costs of long distance telephone calls, postage, pouches, cables and telexes. The growth results from increases in the volume of traffic and in the use of telefax communication instead of telex.

Miscellaneous services

8.24 The additional requirements ($12,400) proposed under this heading, which are almost entirely redeployed from rental and maintenance of equipment, would provide for automobile insurance of the Court's two official cars and were heretofore shown under rental and maintenance of equipment.

2/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1).

Supplies and materials

8.25 The resources requested under this heading ($238,100) are proposed to provide for library books and supplies, stationery, paper for internal reproduction, offset supplies and other miscellaneous supplies. They reflect a decrease of $31,100 redeployed to rental and maintenance of equipment to provide for the maintenance of a photocopying machine.

Furniture and equipment

8.26 The requirements under this heading ($124,600) include a non-recurrent growth of $77,000 to cover the purchase of a new car to replace one of the Court's official cars ($11,500) and a laser printer/copier ($65,500).

Acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment

8.27 The requirements of $277,200 under this heading are proposed to cover a non-recurrent provision of $166,300 for the purchase of office automation equipment and related software, in order to enhance the Court's office automation capacity, and a recurrent provision of $110,900 to provide for the Court's future programmes for acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment on the basis of a study by the Electronic Services Division of the Secretariat.